



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL YOKOTA AIR BASE PERSONNEL

FROM: 374 AW/CC

SUBJECT: Restricted Hours Policy for "Bar Row"

1. As the installation commander, I am responsible for the safety of all our people and families at Yokota Air Base. Since March 2005, base personnel have been involved in numerous criminal incidents, including several assaults, at or near the area known as both "Bar Row" and "Bar Road" in Fussa City, a short distance from Yokota Air Base. These incidents involving our Airmen and civilians typically occur in the early morning hours after midnight.

2. I find the risks associated with frequenting "Bar Row" during this time period unacceptable and directly harmful to the accomplishment of our military mission. Consequently, the following lawful order will remain in effect:

All Yokota Air Base military personnel are prohibited from entering in, remaining on, or being within one block of "Bar Row," otherwise known as "Akasen-dori" (near Honcho-dori and Fujimi-dori between Yokota Air Base and the Fussa Train Station) between the hours of 0100 and 0600.

I expect SOFA status dependents, DoD civilians, and DoD-invited contractors to abide by this restriction as well. A map of the area is attached for your reference.

3. This order itself is not intended to preclude those members of the Yokota Air Base Community who live on or near Bar Row from entering, staying in, or exiting their residential area or from having guests in their homes. Nonetheless, those living on or near Bar Row, along with any guests they may have, are still forbidden from visiting business establishments or loitering in the area during the restricted hours. A copy of this order should be kept in the vehicle or on the person of those individuals who live in the area and are transiting it during the restricted hours.

4. We are in Japan to perform a vital military mission and I expect every person, military or civilian, to serve as an "ambassador of America." I expect Airmen to look out for their wingmen and ensure the safety of each other, on-duty and off-duty. This restriction is designed to improve a strong relationship with the local community, maintain mission readiness, enhance force protection, and ensure the safety and good order and discipline of our Yokota family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Marcus Hicks", is positioned above the typed name.

J. MARCUS HICKS, Colonel, USAF
Commander
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Attachment:
Fussa City Map